

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

April 5, 2022

The workshop meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Chair Tewari, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, in The Frank Art Gallery.

Present: Chair Tewari; Vice Chair Marcos; Members Naigur, Cordova, and Rimarachin

Absent: Members Tripathi and Johnson

Also Present: City Staff Liaison Cole Williams, Assistant City Attorney Heather Needelman, and Board Secretary Nadia Ally

MINUTES:

There was no quorum to approve the February 1, 2022 and March 1, 2022 meeting minutes.

REPORT OF LIAISON:

Liaison Williams reviewed landscape information for March 2022 including new developments, landscape upgrades, mitigation projects, tree removal permits, landscape permits, and new projects with sustainability elements. He gave an update on the Flamingo Road Greenway ILA and noted that the Blue Cart Service begins May 1, 2022.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS:

Assistant Attorney Needelman gave a brief summary of five bill, which the Governor has not yet signed as of 11:00 AM April 5, 2022. She stated she will update the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liaison Williams reviewed Chapters 5 and 6 of the Green Plan. He reviewed the final draft of the annual report, which is due May 1, 2022. Chair Tewari asked for a background information packet for new members with items dating back to 2016. Liaison Williams suggested it be an appendix to the main report. Chair Tewari said the sustainability position should be highlighted and he also would like to have a powerpoint for board night. Liaison Williams said he will confirm with the City Clerk. Member Naigur suggested prioritizing items on the list and she questioned the wording of the Sustainability Coordinator role. Assistant Attorney Needelman advised that changes can be made if they are not substantial. Member Naigur stated she would want to be excluded from the annual report the way it is currently presented. Member Cordova asked if the report can be simplified, stating that there is too many words. She advised that it should be verb and actions. Member Rimarachin recommended cleaning up the list. Member Naigur said the recommendations have not been fully vetted. Assistant Attorney Needelman clarified that any changes would need a vote. Members Cordova and Naigur questioned where the recommendations came from. Liaison Williams said they cannot include items that were not formally voted on. He also said that items can be moved to accomplishments. Chair Tewari asked if the board can have an emailed version of the draft prior to it being submitted.

Chair Tewari stated the staff did a good job. Member Naigur asked about the Environmental Advisory Board schedule, why there is no meeting in May, and who decided on that. Liaison Williams advised staff will look into it.

Liaison Williams informed members that Board Night is June 1, 2022 and the next Environmental Advisory Board meeting is June 7, 2022. He gave a brief update on upcoming events, such as Pines Day. He added that the online permitting system is now available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was none.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

There was no quorum to excuse the absences of Members Cordova and Naigur from the March 1, 2022 meeting and Members Tripathi and Johnson from the April 5, 2022 meeting.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Tewari adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Ally

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Board Secretary

APPROVED: 8/2/2022

